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PENDING US ACTION

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:

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SUMMARY: IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE LIMITED-CIRCULATION,
ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TURKISH DAILY NEWS, THE CHAIRMAN OF
THE TURKISH SENATE'S FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE SAID
THAT THE SUBMISSION OF TURKISH PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS WILL BE
DELAYED UNTIL US POLICY TOWARD THE DEFENSE COOPERATION
AGREEMENT (DCA) IS CLEAR. HE ALSO DISCUSSED THE
MONTREUX SUMMIT BETWEEN PRIMINS ECEVIT AND CARAMANLIS

AND US-TURKISH RELATIONS. END SUMMARY

2. SENATOR ZIYA GOKALP MULAYIM, A MEMBER OF ECEVIT'S REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE TURKISH DAILY NEWS (CIRCULATION 1,300) PUBLISHED MARCH 28, REPORTEDLY SAID, "SINCE TURKEY SEES THE (ARMS) EMBARGO AND CYPRUS AS SEPARATE ISSUES, WE HAVE DECIDED FOR THE TIME BEING NOT TO SUBMIT OUR PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS. WE HAVE REACHED THIS DECISION TO SHOW THAT WE DO NOT LINK THE TWO ISSUES. AS THE UNITED STATES HAS PREVIOUSLY TOLD US THAT THEY ALSO DO NOT CONNECT THE EMBARGO WITH THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, WE WILL POSTPONE PRESENTATION OF OUR PROPOSALS AND AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF THE US ATTITUDE TOWARD THE DCA."

3. REGARDING TURKISH-US RELATIONS, THE SENATOR ADDED, "THE EMBARGO MAY OR MAY NOT BE LIFTED; THAT IS FOR THE US TO DECIDE... THE EMBARGO IS A POLICY. WE WANT TO KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THIS POLICY IS GOING TO CHANGE... WE ARE NOT BLACK-MAILING THE US TO LIFT THE EMBARGO. WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW CLEARLY AND QUICKLY IS WHAT THEIR ATTITUDE IS, SO THAT WE CAN REDEFINE OUR TIES WITH THE US AND REVISE OUR FOREIGN POLICY."

4. SENATOR MULAYIM ALSO NOTED THAT THE MONTREUX SUMMIT SUCCEEDED IN DEVELOPING TRUST BETWEEN PRIMINS ECEVIT AND CARAMANLIS, AND HE ADDED, "THE POSITIVE RESULTS WE REACHED

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WITH GREEK PRIMIN CARAMANLIS WERE MUCH MORE THAN THOSE WHICH WERE REFLECTED IN THE FINAL DECLARATION." END UNCLASSIFIED.

5. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL COMMENT: MULAYIM IS OF ECEVIT'S PARTY AND HAS BEEN BRIEFED ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS; HOWEVER, HE IS NOT IN THE GOVERNMENT AND CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR PRECISELY REFLECTING THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE GOT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW OUR DECISION ON THE DCA BEFORE IT MAKES A DECISION ON PRESENTING THE CYPRUS PROPOSALS; HOWEVER, WALDHEIM COULD STILL BE GIVEN THE GIST OF THE PROPOSALS REGARDLESS OF THE US DECISION. SINCE MULAYIM GAVE THE INTERVIEW TO A PAPER READ PRIMARILY BY FOREIGNERS, HIS REMARKS MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED AS A "HURRY UP" MESSAGE FOR THE US AND AS AN EXPLANATION TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS OF TURKEY'S DELAY IN PRESENTING PROPOSALS.

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